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Claims 1-58 are presently pending in the case. Claims 47-58 have been provisionally withdrawn from consideration.

Reconsideration of the present case in view of the remarks herein is requested.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction between Applicant's invention as set forth in claims 1-46 and as set forth in claims 47-58. Applicant provisionally elects the invention as set forth in claims 1-46, with traverse. The traversal is on the grounds that examination of both groups would not pose an undue burden on the Office.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is filing under separate cover an information disclosure statement in compliance with MPEP section 609. Indication of consideration of the references cited is requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present case and allow the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

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